In a secret department the greatest temptation in the world is to use secrecy not in the national interest but in the departmental interest . . . to cover up

---R. H. S. Crossman in the House of Commons

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